



CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM

To: Maryland Department of Planning, Comprehensive Planning Unit
Maryland Department of Natural Resources/Program Open Space

From: John T. Snow, Chief of Parks & Grounds
Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism

Subject: Annual Program Report
Charles County

Date: June 14, 2018

Enclosed please find Charles County's Annual Program Report for FY19. After your review, please contact me directly if you should have any questions (301-932-3474).

Thank you.

Enclosure: As stated
JTS/bdd/AnnualReportFY19

FY19
ANNUAL REPORT - CHARLES COUNTY

Introduction

Each year Charles County Government develops/updates a five-year open space/park acquisition and development plan. This plan is designed to address solutions to citizen demands for outdoor recreational facilities. This five-year plan is basically a park priority list formulated as a result of direct citizen input, public hearings, and meetings with organized recreation associations.

Charles County's open space priorities include: providing active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities for our residents; preserving natural heritage areas; and protecting sensitive and unique environmental features of the County.

The projects selected in this annual report are consistent with the County's current Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). The LPPRP clearly states that the demand for active recreation facilities continues to grow and that there is an immediate need to plan and develop such facilities. Athletic playing fields and hiking/biking trails have not kept pace with the County's rapid population growth. Additionally, the LPPRP calls for more open space acquisition and recreational facilities throughout the County. Recreational demands continue to grow in our area, specifically in the greater Waldorf and La Plata communities. Water access amenities continue to be a priority as well.

Charles County's priority open space plan is compiled by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, Parks and Grounds Division.

Attached is Charles County's Annual Program Report for FY19:

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| Acquisition: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">●Popes Creek Waterfront Acquisition●Waldorf Senior and Recreation Center – Parking Lot Acquisition |
| Development: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">●Chapel Point Park Partnership●Gilbert Run Park – Boardwalk Design●Gilbert Run Park – Playground●White Plains Park – Playground●Mallows Bay – Kayak Launch & Parking Area●Mallows Bay – Pavilion●White Plains Golf Course – Cart Path Rehabilitation |

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FY 2019 Annual Program

ACQUISITION

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ACQUISITION – FY 19

**Charles County Government
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Project: Popes Creek Waterfront Acquisition – Phase II

The Popes Creek area in Charles County has significant potential as a major water access destination in the region. The Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism is currently in the design phase of the Popes Creek Rail Trail and the Popes Creek Waterfront Park (Phase I).

Charles County has now been presented with the opportunity to acquire the third and final section of the proposed Popes Creek Waterfront Park.

This less than three-acre parcel includes a restaurant building (future waterman's museum, nature center and tourism venue), crabbing/fishing piers, restroom facilities and additional parking spaces which are vital to the Popes Creek Trail and waterfront park projects.

Total Acreage: 2.7 Acres

Total Project Cost: \$1,800,000

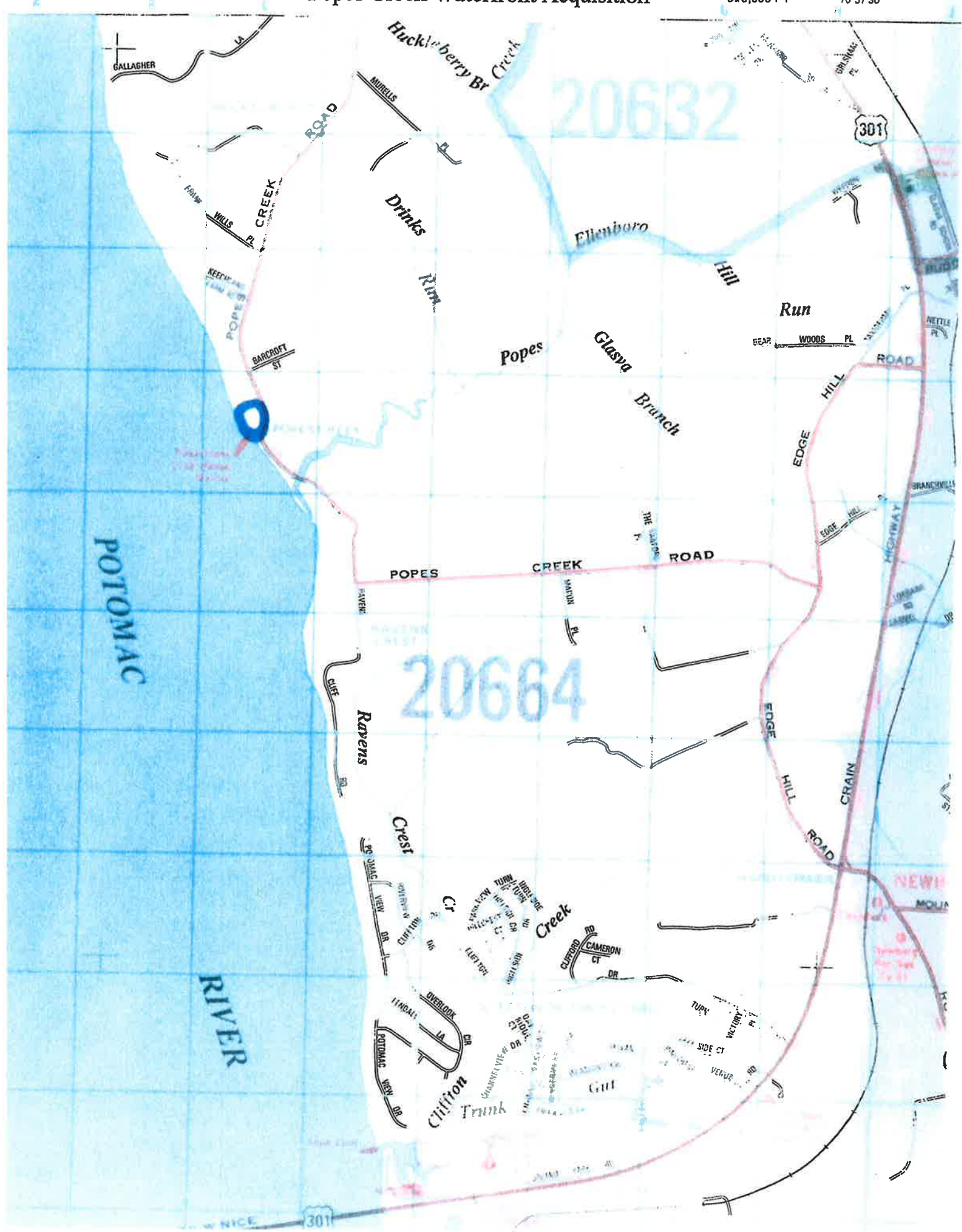
(We are requesting 100% POS funding for this acquisition.)

800,000 FT

Popes Creek Waterfront Acquisition

810,000 FT

76°57'30"



Google Maps

Popes Creek Waterfront Acquisition



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ACQUISITION – FY 19

**Charles County Government
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**Project: Waldorf Senior and Recreation Center
Parking Lot Acquisition**

The Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism has recently acquired a 1.80 acre parcel including a 31,000 square foot building located at 90 Post Office Road in Waldorf, Maryland. This site will open as the new Waldorf Senior and Recreation Center in early 2019.

Charles County has now been presented with the opportunity to acquire an adjacent lot with an existing paved parking area. This acquisition will allow the new center to enhance and expand programming and special event opportunities.

Located in the heavily populated area of Waldorf, this new facility will accommodate senior center activities during traditional day time hours and provide space for recreational programming geared towards residents of all ages during evening and weekend hours.

Total Acquisition Acreage: 1.51 Acres

Total Project Cost: \$375,000

(We are requesting 100% POS funding for this acquisition.)

Waldorf Center Acquisition

290,000 FT

280,000 FT

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38° 37' 30"

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1 HARRISON CT
2 HENRY CT
3 DECLARATION CT N

SEE GRIDS A3, A4
1 NIGHT HERON CT
2 GROUPE CT
3 IRISH LORD PL
4 JUMP ROCK CT
5 HAMMERHEAD CT
6 DORCHESTER CIR
7 HERRING CT
8 MANTA CT
9 LOG PERCH CT

SEE GRID E8,F9
1 ARCADIAN DRIVES CT
2 BARNBURN CT
3 CAMELBACK CT
4 BARNHART CT
5 CONGRESSIONAL CT
6 BLUEBERRY CT
7 BARNHART CT
8 CHAMBERLAIN CT
9 PLUFFY CHICK CT
10 SWEETWATER CT
11 DEAL CT
12 BARNHART CT

Google Maps



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① Center

② Parking Acquisition

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FY 2019 Annual Program

DEVELOPMENT

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2019**

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS Local Funds)	Federal
Charles County	Chapel Point Park Partnership	-0-	49	49	\$360,000	\$90,000	\$270,000	-0-
Charles County	Gilbert Run Park – Boardwalk Design	185	185	1.0	\$85,000	\$21,250	\$63,750	-0-
Charles County	Gilbert Run Playground	185	185	1.0	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$18,750	-0-
Charles County	White Plains Playground	50	50	1.0	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	-0-
Charles County	Mallovs Bay – Kayak Launch and Parking Area	185	185	1.0	\$50,000	\$12,500	\$37,500	-0-
Charles County	Mallovs Bay – Pavilion	185	185	1.0	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$45,000	-0-
Charles County	White Plains Golf Course – Cart Path Rehabilitation	143	143	3.0	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$45,000	-0-

DEVELOPMENT – FY 19

Charles County Government Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism

Project: Chapel Point State Park Partnership

The Charles County Commissioners and Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Parks anticipate approving a 30-year lease for a portion of Chapel Point State Park. This agreement allows the Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism to operate, maintain and improve the 49 acre waterfront section of the facility.

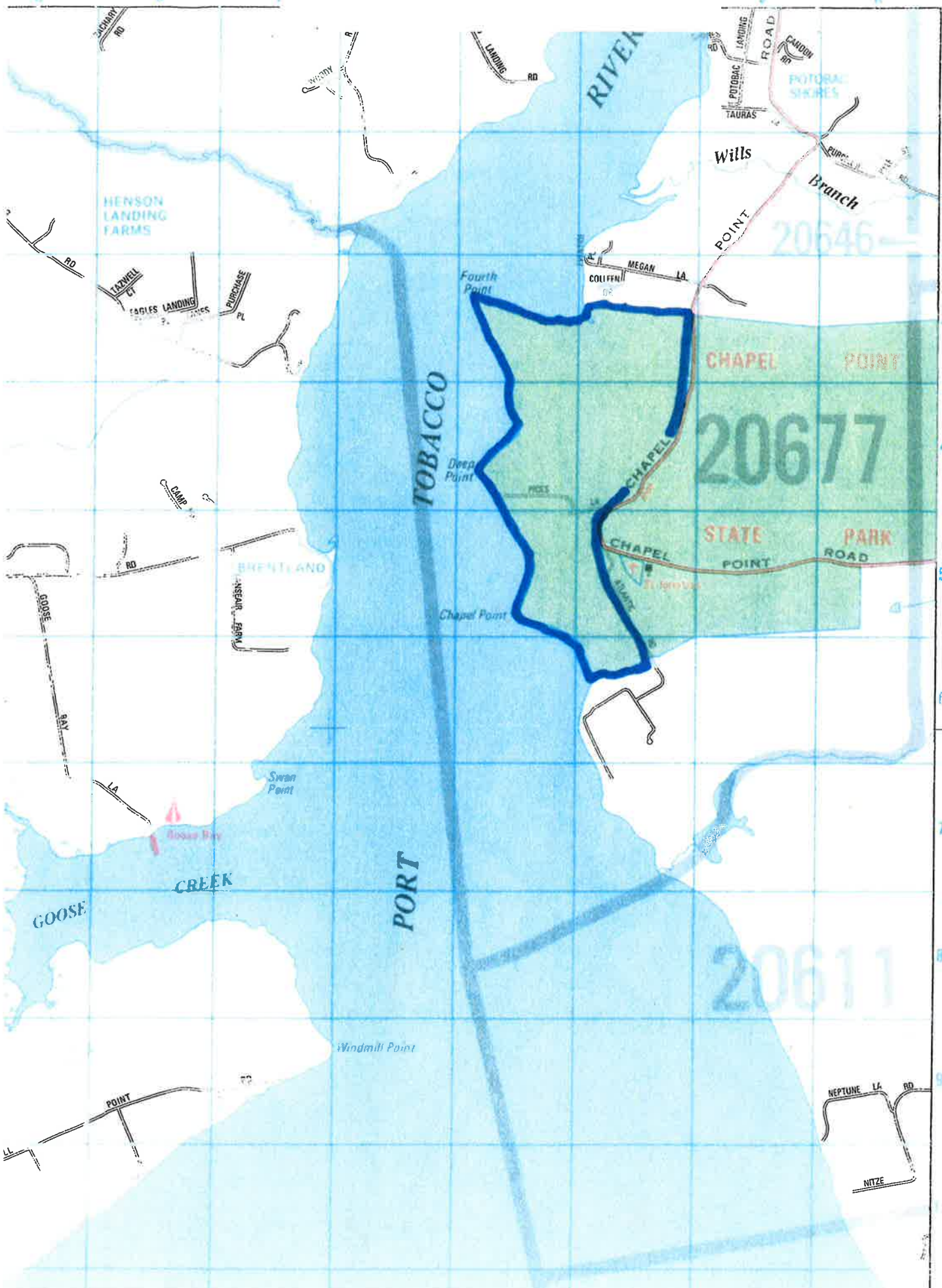
Proposed Projects include:

- Entrance Improvements
- Automated Entry/Exit Gate System
- Fencing around Agricultural Areas
- Kayak Launch
- Road and Storm Water Management Improvements
- Boat Ramp Redesign
- Paddle-in Campsites
- Additional Parking Areas
- Picnic Areas
- Nature Trail and Benches
- Interpretive Panels

Chapel Point State Park is an important recreational resource. This partnership/lease will allow Charles County Parks and Maryland Department of Natural Resources to make improvements to the park and enhance visitor services.

Total Project Cost: \$360,000.00

(Requesting \$270,000 POS funding to match \$90,000 Local Share)



230,000 FT

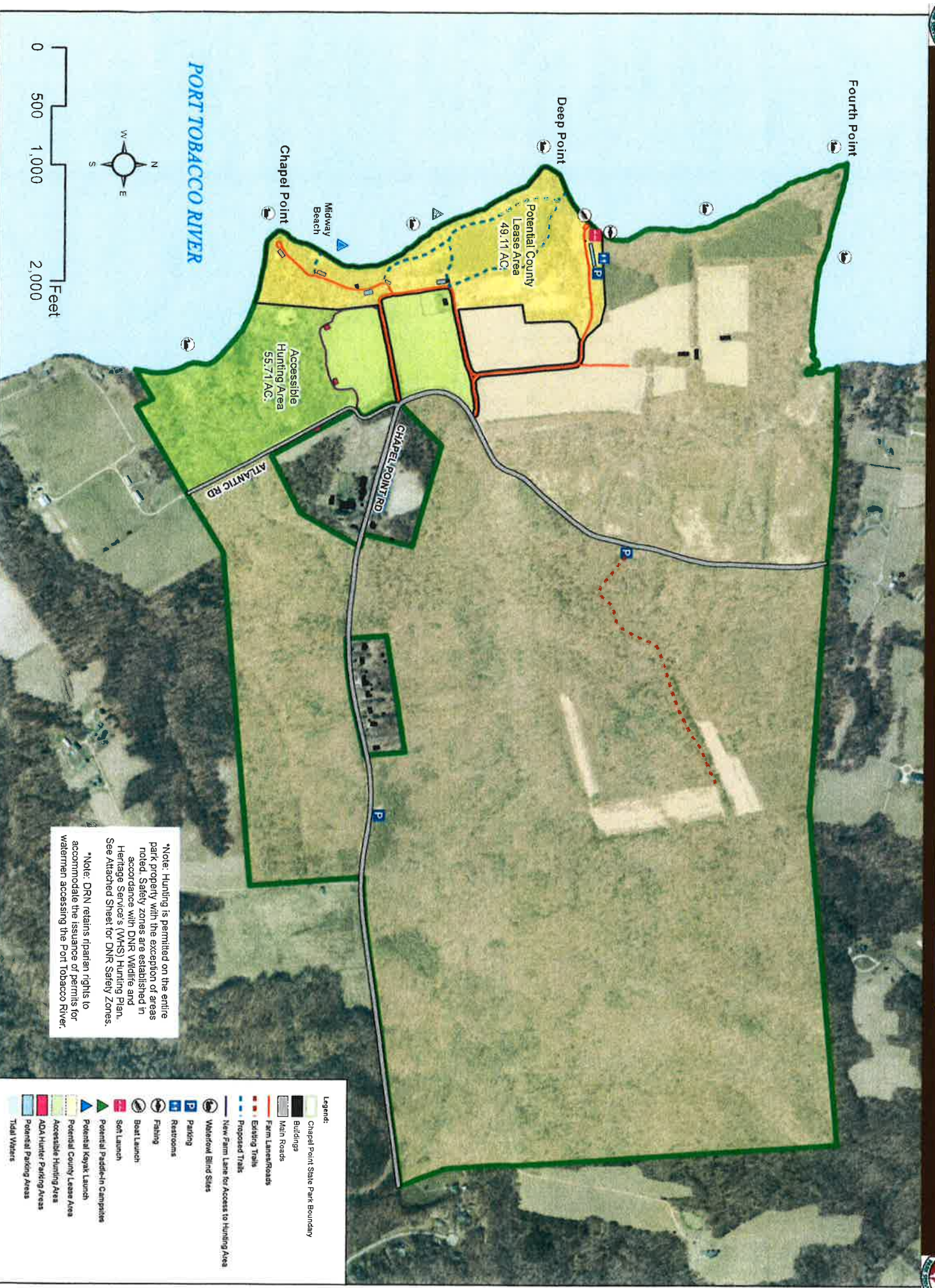
38°27'30"

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MD GRID 220,000 FT



MAP 9: CONCEPT PLAN - CHAPEL POINT STATE PARK



*Note: Hunting is permitted on the entire park property with the exception of areas noted. Safety zones are established in accordance with DNR Wildlife and Heritage Services (WHS) Hunting Plan. See Attached Sheet for DNR Safety Zones.

*Note: DRN retains riparian rights to accommodate the issuance of permits for watermen accessing the Port Tobacco River.

- Legend:**
- Chapel Point State Park Boundary
 - Buildings
 - Main Roads
 - Farm Lanes/Roads
 - Existing Trails
 - Proposed Trails
 - New Farm Lane for Access to Hunting Area
 - Waterfowl Blind Sites
 - Parking
 - Restrooms
 - Fishing
 - Boat Launch
 - Soft Launch
 - Potential Paddle-In Campsites
 - Potential Kayak Launch
 - Potential County Lease Area
 - Accessible Hunting Area
 - ADA Hunter Parking Area
 - Potential Parking Areas
 - Tidal Waters

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**Project: Gilbert Run Park
Boardwalk Rehabilitation – Phase I (Design)**

Funding requested to replace approximately 300 feet of elevated boardwalk on the Gilbert Run Natural Trail. Phase I to include architecture, design and permitting.

The nature trail at Gilbert Run Park is 2.50 miles long and is a very popular feature at this busy, nature-themed outdoor recreational facility. The boardwalk portion of this trail is in poor condition and needs to be replaced.

Total Project Cost (Design): \$80,000.00

(Requesting \$63,750 POS funding to match \$21,250 Local Share)

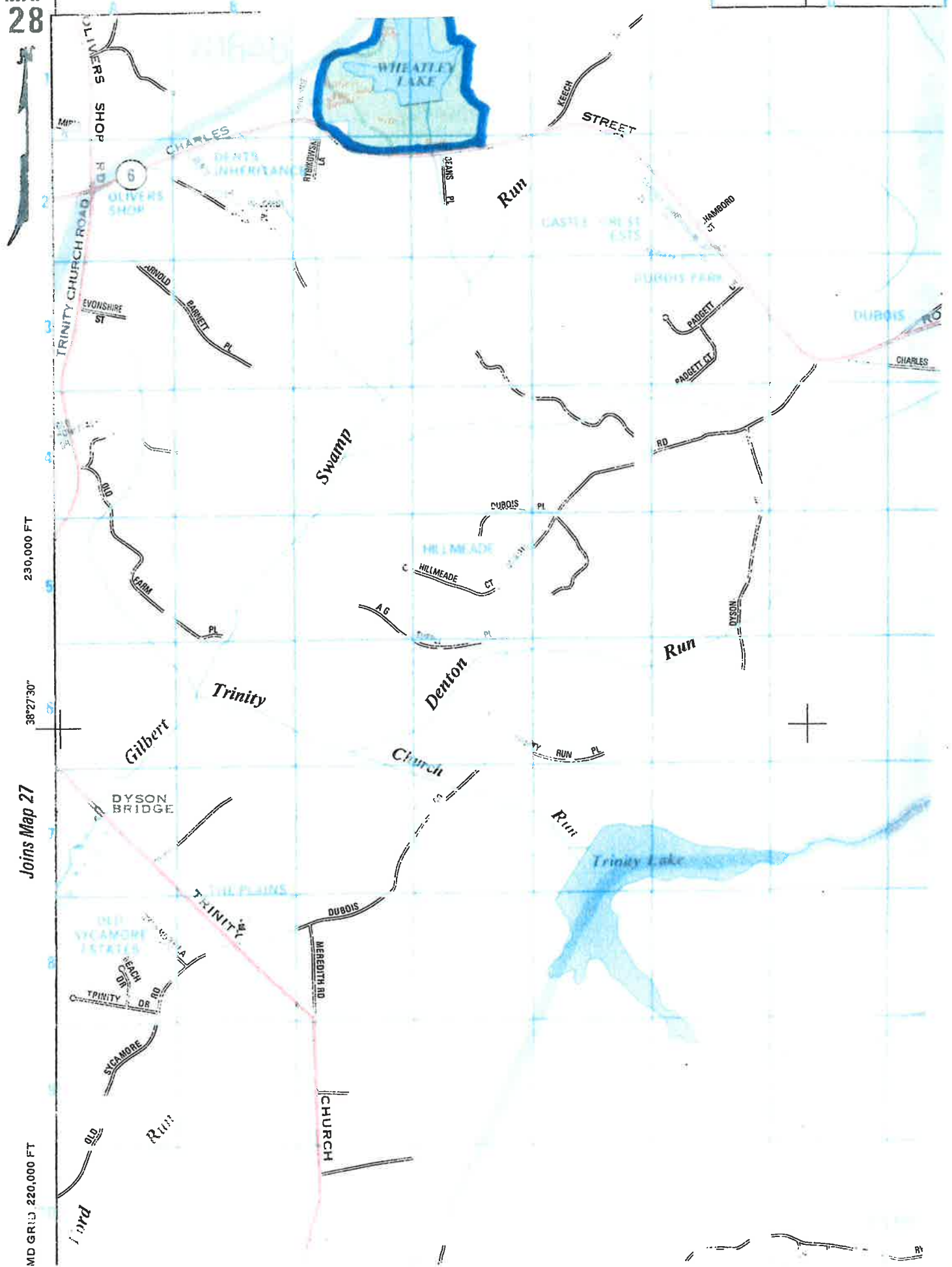
Gilbert Run Park

Board Walk Rehabilitation

MAP
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76°52'30"

76°52'00"



Gilbert Run Park

Board Walk Rehabilitation

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**Project: Gilbert Run Park
Adventure Playground – Phase I**

Funding requested to upgrade and improve the existing play area at Gilbert Run Park. Improvements to include the purchase and installation of a youth zipline feature.

This upgrade is a good fit for Gilbert Run, which provides quality natural resource based recreation for park patrons of all ages.

Total Project Cost: \$25,000.00

(Requesting \$18,750 POS funding to match \$6,250 Local Share)

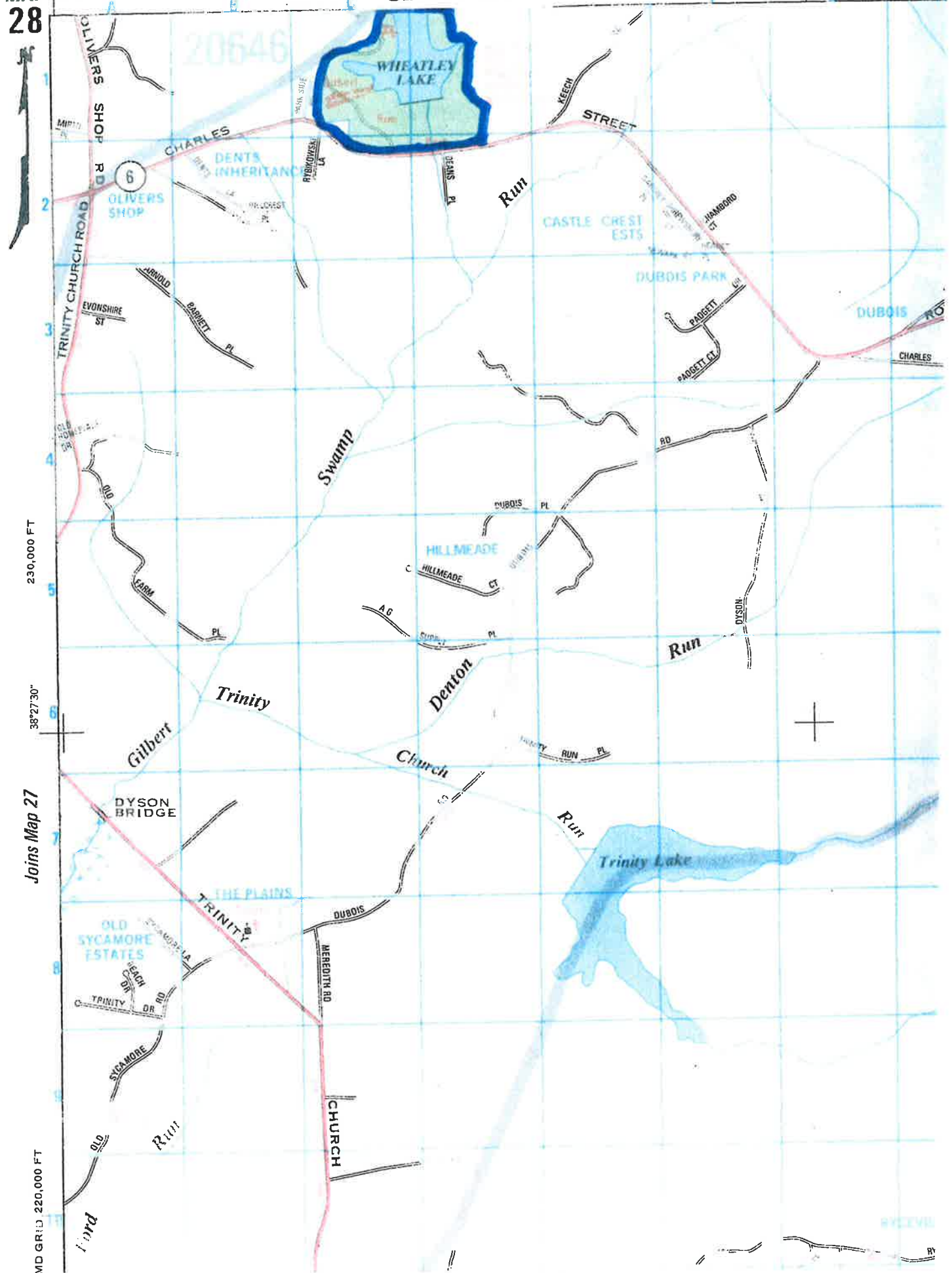
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Gilbert Run Park Zip Line p 19

76°50'00"





Gilbert Run Park Zip Line



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**Project: White Plains Park
Playground Upgrades**

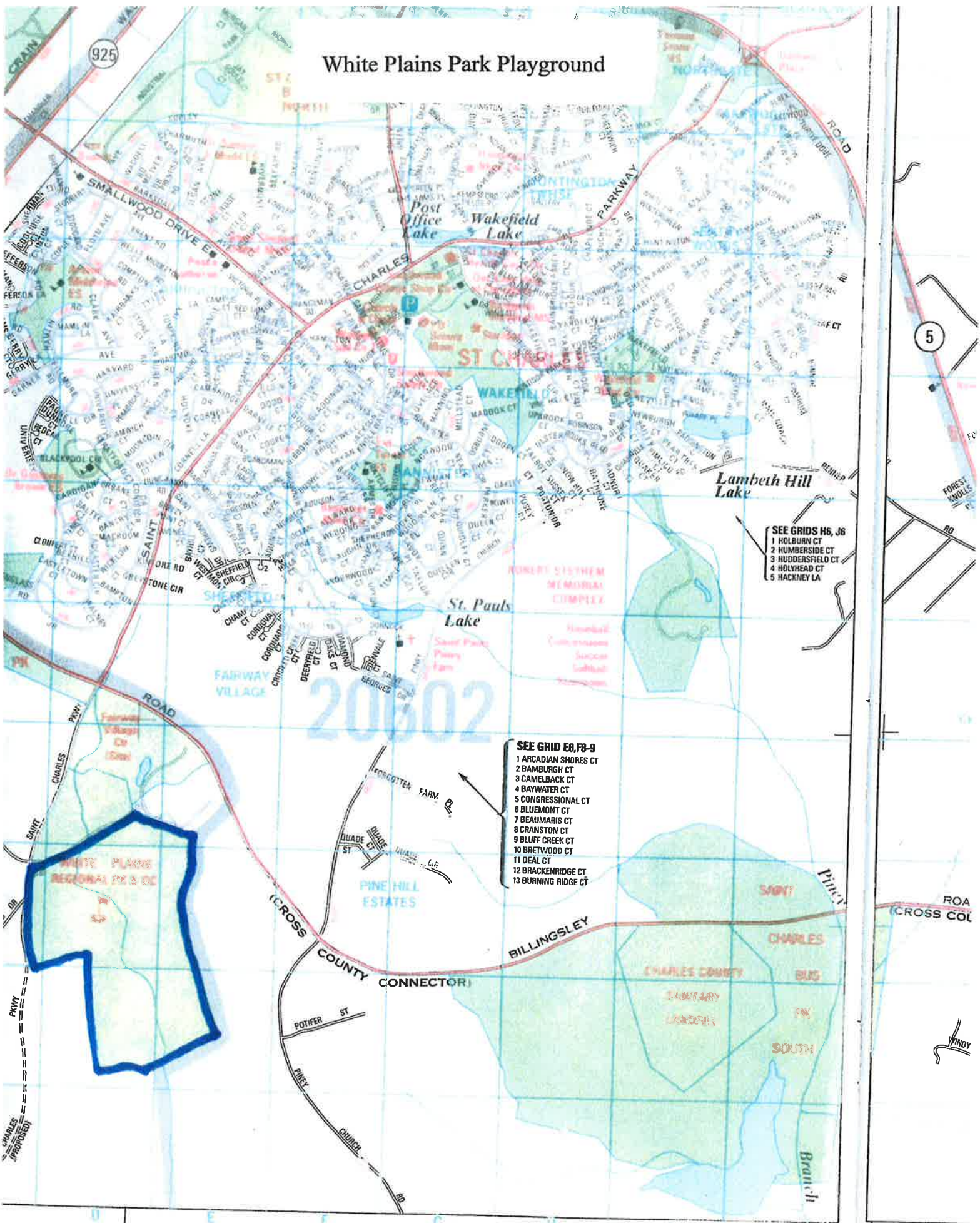
Funding request for upgrades and improvements at White Plains Park playground. A section of this playground is over 25 years old and needs to be replaced in order to bring the facility up to County Park standards.

This project will encourage increased park patronage, increase the capacity of the facility and address safety and aesthetic concerns.

Total Project Cost: \$100,000.00

(Requesting \$75,000 POS funding to match \$25,000 Local Share)

White Plains Park Playground



- SEE GRIDS H6, J6
- 1 HOLBURN CT
 - 2 HUMBERSIDE CT
 - 3 HUDDERSFIELD CT
 - 4 HOLYHEAD CT
 - 5 HACKNEY LA

SEE GRID E8,F8-9

- 1 ARCADIAN SHORES CT
- 2 BAMBURGH CT
- 3 CAMELBACK CT
- 4 BAYWATER CT
- 5 CONGRESSIONAL CT
- 6 BLUEMONT CT
- 7 BEAUMARIS CT
- 8 CRANSTON CT
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- 10 BRETTWOOD CT
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- 12 BRACKENRIDGE CT
- 13 BURNING RIDGE CT

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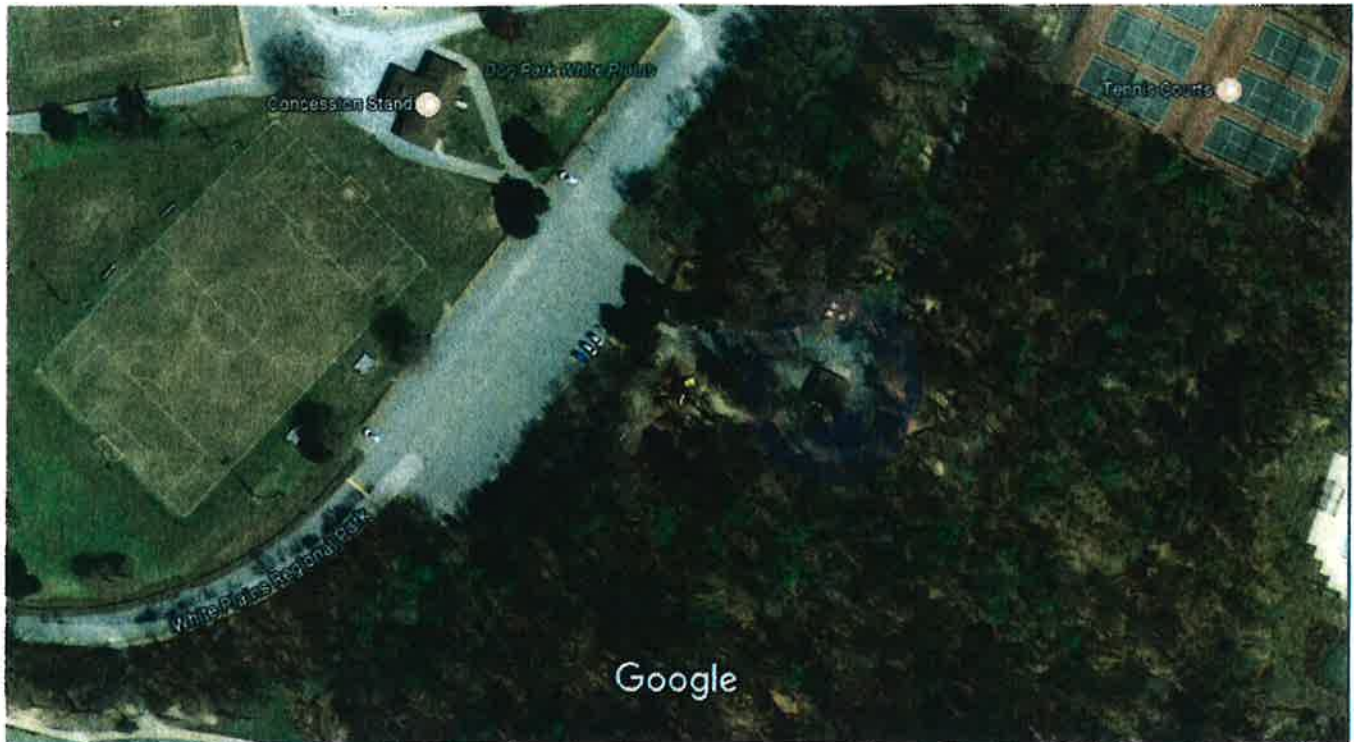
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White Plains Park Playground



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**Project: Mallows Bay Park
Kayak Launch and Parking Lot**

Funding requested to design and install an additional kayak launch and parking area at Mallows Bay Park.

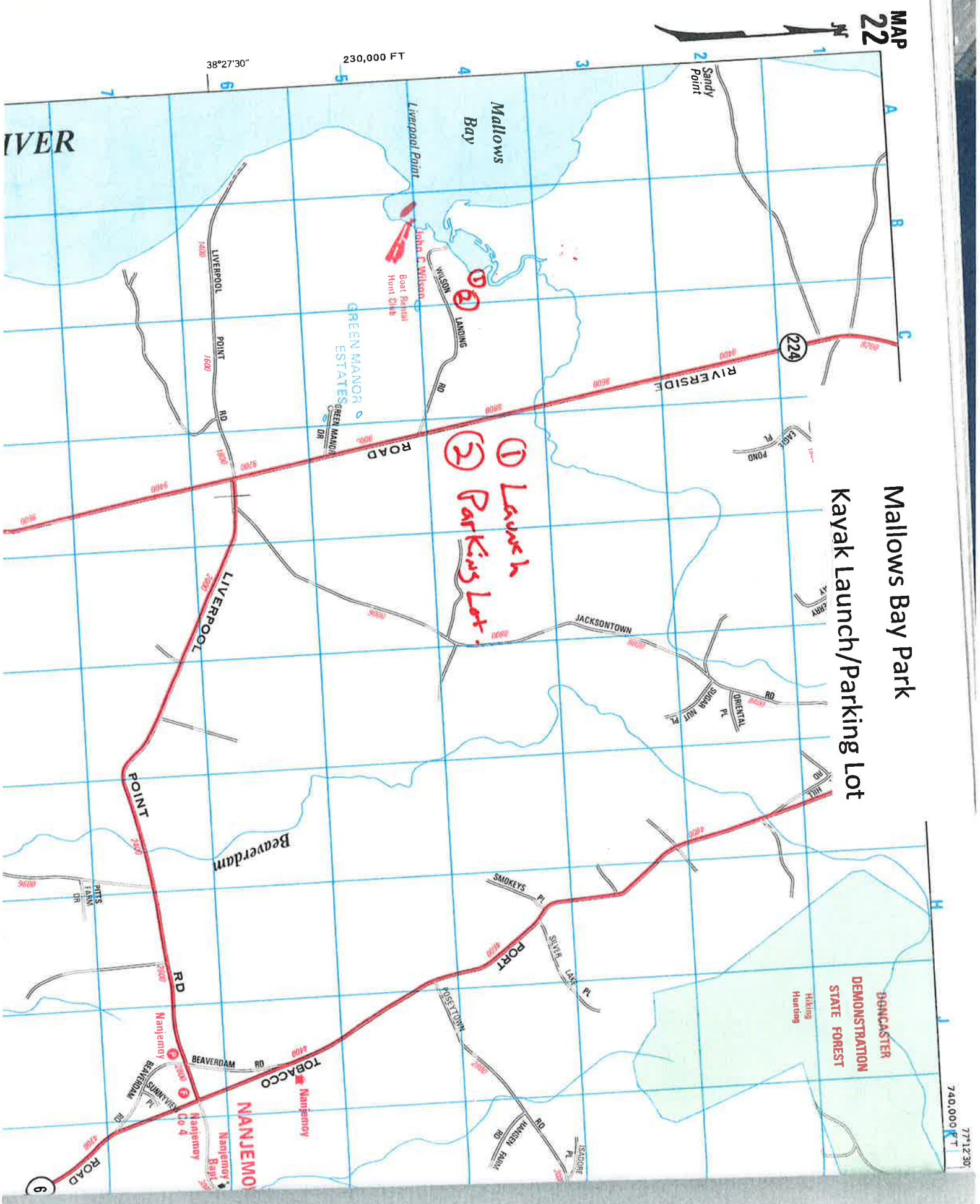
Public interest and visitation numbers at Mallows Bay are soaring. This additional launch and parking area will alleviate congestion issues at the current boat ramp and kayak launch by providing a secondary location for large kayak groups to assemble and launch. This addition is also needed in order to expand and enhance tours and interpretive opportunities at the facility.

Total Project Cost: \$50,000.00

(Requesting \$37,500 POS funding to match \$12,500 Local Share)

Mallows Bay Park

Kayak Launch/Parking Lot



Mallows Bay Park

Kayak Launch/Parking Lot



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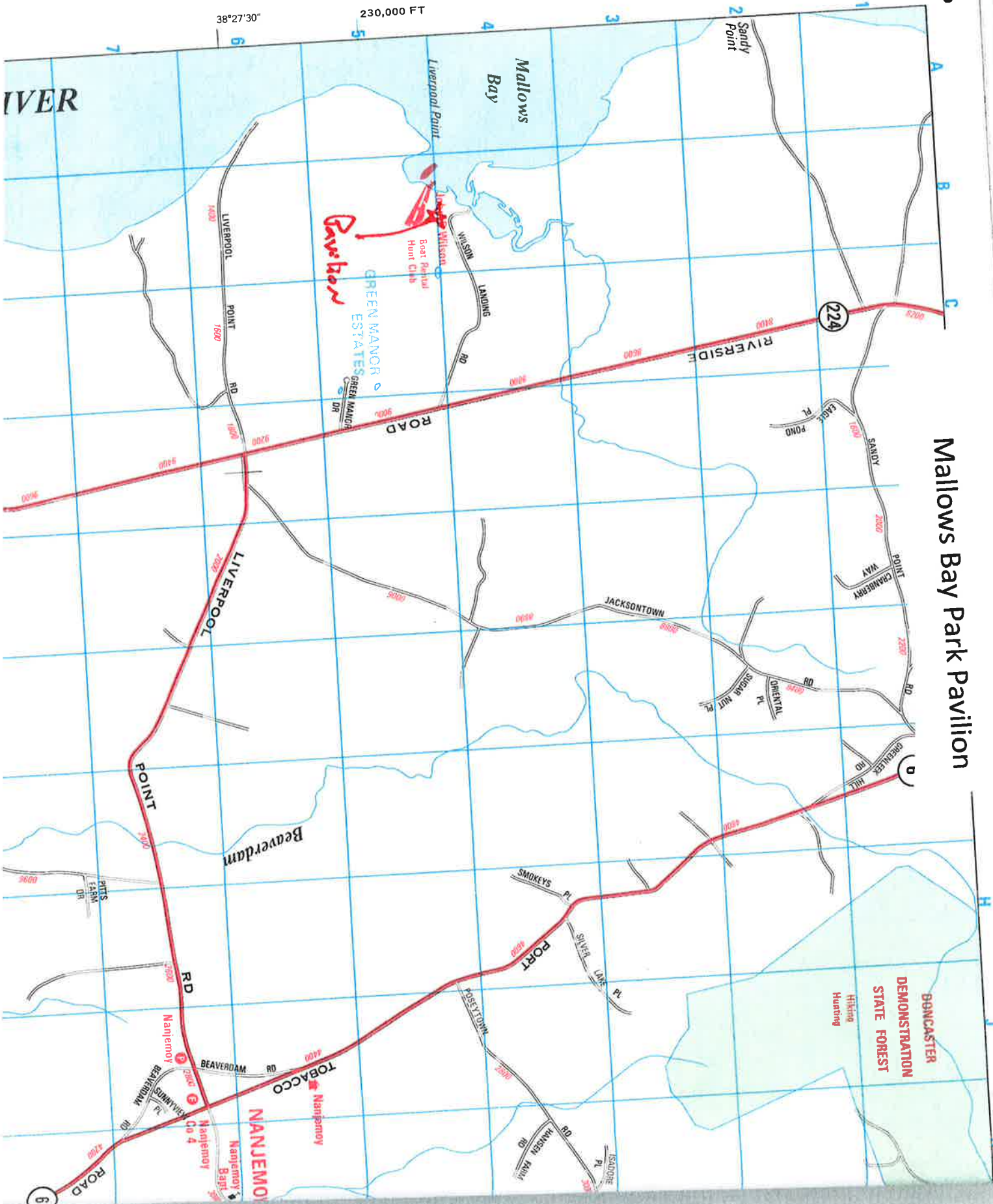
Project: Mallows Bay Park - Pavilion

Funding requested to furnish and install an open-air classroom (picnic pavilion) at Mallows Bay Park. This facility is needed to accommodate the growing number of school groups, field trips and special events scheduled at the park. The open air structure will provide shelter for visitors and serve as a central location for educational and interpretive activities at the park.

Total Project Cost: \$60,000.00

(Requesting \$45,000 POS funding to match \$15,000 Local Share)

Mallows Bay Park Pavilion



Mallows Bay Park Pavilion



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**Project: White Plains Golf Course
Cart Path Rehabilitation**

Funding requested to repave and replace portions of the five-mile cart path system at White Plains Golf Course.

The majority of these paths were installed in 1974 and are in poor condition.

Total Project Cost: \$60,000.00

(Requesting \$45,000 POS funding to match \$15,000 Local Share)

White Plains Golf Course: Cart path Rehabilitation

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White Plains Golf Course



Cart Path Rehabilitation



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